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Prof. H. J. Ripley

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Dear Sir

Yours of the 30th was duly received. In reply allow me to say that I do not exactly understand what you mean by "proper assurances that Clarissa is to remain in this part of the Country." Will you inform me what "assurances" you would consider "proper". Of course, she will not "remain in this part of the Country" unless Abram comes. But she has said again that, as a matter of choice, she will remain, if he come. The contingency is not on her part but on the coming of Abram, & that of course rests with you. If the "assurances" you have already received are not "proper", I will endeavor to obtain such as will be, if you will inform me what they are. I certainly wish to do nothing *im*proper in the case, but I deem it solemn duty to do all I can to deliver two immortals & their posterity, should they have any, from the deep injustice & fearful liabilities of Slavery. Please write me soon & oblige

Yours respectfully
A. A. Phelps.